

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schmeichel, Charles M. ) Docket No.: A20-012-01-US  
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For: TONNEAU COVER TENSION )  
ADJUSTER APPARATUS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to the first examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following new claims, 15-32.

15. (New) An adjustable assembly for a tonneau cover used to cover a pickup truck cargo box, the cargo box having a plurality of upwardly extending walls, said plurality of upwardly extending walls including left and right side walls, a front wall and a rear end gate wall, said plurality of upwardly extending walls at least partially defining an interior compartment of the cargo box, the adjustable assembly comprising:

left and right side rails connected to said left and right side walls, respectively;